

This meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM at the Dummerston Town Office in Dummerston, Vermont.

Members Present: Chair Cindy Jerome, Vice-Chair Paul Normandeau, Clerk Kevin Ryan, Tom Bodett and Lewis White

Also Present: Art Avery, Tom Bertone, Pam McFadden, Wayne Emery and Laurie Frechette

Paul moved and Lewis seconded to approve the minutes from September 27<sup>th</sup>, October 11<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> along with Warrants 9 and 9P. The motion passed.

Paul reported to the Board on the tax sale held this afternoon of the mobile home located on Camp Arden Road. The only bid received was one of \$1 by Arthur Phaneuf. Paul presented three options to the Board. The first was to accept the \$1 bid; the second was for the Town to purchase the mobile home; the third was not to sell the home and to pursue personal judgement against the owner of record, Arthur Fiske, Jr. through Small Claims Court. On a motion from Paul and second by Lewis, the Board unanimously approved to reject the offer and pursue legal means with Arthur Fiske, Jr. through Small Claims Court.

The Board recognized Art Avery, who reported on an ongoing problem with a vicious dog in the area of Hague Road and Leverwood Lane. He presented the Board with a letter signed by many residents expressing their concern and requesting action by the Town. The Board advised Mr. Avery to contact the Sheriff's Department again as they are the Animal Control Officer for the Town.

Road Foreman Wayne Emery reported that the broken boards on the Covered Bridge have been repaired. The Sheriff's Department was unable to contact the driver of the RV seen hitting the bridge; the Florida license plate number was invalid.

Wayne reported that 2006 yards of sand have been processed from the new gravel pit and stored at the Town Yard.

Wayne advised the Board on erosion problems at the Carpenter Gravel Pit and the steps being taken to alleviate those problems.

The Board and Wayne discussed the possibility of changing the road crew's work hours. Wayne advised the Board that he and the road crew are not in favor of changing their work hours; they feel the current schedule works well for them and for the Town. Paul moved to change the work hours to 7:00AM-3:30PM from October 1<sup>st</sup> through March 1<sup>st</sup>. The motion died for the lack of a second. After much discussion, it was decided to keep the work hours as they currently stand – 6:00AM-2:30PM.

The Board reviewed a request from the Brattleboro Area Community Land Trust to designate BACLT as a Nonprofit Community Development Organization. Cindy will invite a representative from BACLT to attend the November 21<sup>st</sup> meeting.

The Board agreed to move the second meeting in November from Thanksgiving Eve to Tuesday, November 21<sup>st</sup> and to begin the meeting at 7:00PM.

It was decided not to send a representative from the Board to the VLCT Membership Annual Meeting to be held in Stowe on November 17<sup>th</sup>.

Paul advised the Board that he will be meeting the surveyor of Hopkins Road at the Town Office on October 31<sup>st</sup>.

On a motion from Cindy and second by Paul, the Board moved to appoint Mark Brown as the Town's 2007 Green Up Day Coordinator.

Paul updated the Board on the Act 250 Hearing on the SB Land Partnership Gravel Pit, held at the Town Office on October 24<sup>th</sup>. The hearing was recessed and more information was requested. There is still a question as to whether or not a zoning permit is required.

The Board reviewed and approved letters from Zoning Administrator, Alan McBean to Arthur Phaneuf and Randy and Bridget Bokum regarding unresolved zoning violations.

The Board reviewed and approved a letter from the Board to the Dummerston Congregational Church Trustees regarding the work being done outside of the Town Hall.

Cindy presented the Board with the upcoming schedule to work on the FY2008 Budget. Laurie will send out letters to various departments requesting their proposed budgets no later than December 13<sup>th</sup>.

On a motion from Paul and second by Tom, the Board moved to sign a petition from Verizon to replace poles on Hague Road, subject to Wayne's approval.

On a motion from Paul and second by Kevin, the Board granted a request from the Lydia Taft Pratt Library trustees to use the Town's bulk mail permit for their annual fundraising letter.

The Board reviewed two requests for monies from the Miller Fund. A request for \$515 for a membership to the Brattleboro Hockey Association was tabled until November 8<sup>th</sup>. The second request for a \$165 figure skating class fee was approved on a motion from Tom and second by Kevin.

The Board reviewed a letter from Jody Normandeau, requesting that the Board support the repeal of Act 68. The Board recognized Dummerston School Board member, Tom Bertone who shared his thoughts on the idea that all plans require a redistribution of wealth, either through taxes on property or taxes on income. The Board discussed VLCT's letter of recommendations concerning school funding.

Paul moved and Lewis seconded to send a letter asking legislators to repeal Act 60/68 and construct a new school funding vehicle within two years. Cindy amended Paul's motion by moving to add wording which would include some of VLCT's language. The amendment was seconded by Tom and passed on a 3-2 vote. Tom, Kevin and Cindy voted aye; Paul and Lewis voted nay.

Paul's motion as amended passed unanimously. Kevin will write the letter to the legislators.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:48 PM.

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Cindy Jerome, Chair

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Kevin Ryan, Clerk

Minutes: Laurie Frechette, Administrative Assistant